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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

YUSUKE SHIOTA ET AL.

SERIAL NO: 09/147,428

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FOR: APPARATUS FOR TREATING WASTE WATER

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1724

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: EXAMINER: CINTINS, I.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1, 2, 13, 20-22, 24, 25, 28 and 31-38 without prejudice.

A clean copy of the claims incorporating any amendment is shown below.

6. (Four Times Amended.) An apparatus for preventing abrasion of a solid catalyst and/or a solid adsorbent while treating waste water, comprising:

a packed bed of the solid catalyst and/or the solid adsorbent; and

a water-permeable pressure layer having a load which can suppress a deformation of the

packed bed of the solid catalyst and/or the solid adsorbent;

wherein the water-permeable pressure layer is provided on the packed bed of the solid catalyst and/or the solid adsorbent;

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